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Dear Parishioners:

"In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." -Proverbs 3:6

"Write the vision and make it plain so that the person who reads it may run."

-Habakkuk 2:2

"Ask in faith without wavering." -James 1:6

"Faith without work is dead." -James 2:26

The mission statement and goals of St. Paul parish guide us in meeting the needs of our parish community. The Scripture readings above all model ways to meet our goals: to ask for God's guidance; to write them down to provide focus; to trust that God will provide what we need; and after doing this spiritual work – to roll up our sleeves and do the physical work.

This financial report reflects the work the parish has done to stay true to our mission statement and to meet our goals during the 2020 Fiscal Year (July 2019 through June 2020).

Regarding our budget for Fiscal Year 2021 (July 2020 through June 2021) scripture tells us:

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.'" -Luke 14:28—30

Luke reminds us that Jesus called his followers to be aware of the total commitment which would be demanded of them and the necessity of thoughtful planning.

Those same teachings are relevant to us today as parishioners of this parish. We are also called to *"sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough,"* and that is what we have done in preparing the budget for the 2021 Fiscal Year. The budget for fiscal year 2021 reflects the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on all of us. We pray for all who suffer through this pandemic and long for the day when this scourge will be lifted.

As we begin the new fiscal year let's remember that our support in our weekly offerings, in our service to others, and in all our contributions of time, talent, and treasure, no matter how great or small, are our expressions of thankfulness to God. Let us always be generous to one another for God is generous to us every day.

I applaud you and thank you for your offerings of commitment, participation, prayers, and contributions. May you be blessed for what we, with God's help and grace, have accomplished during this fiscal year.

God bless us all!


Fr. Joyle Martinez
Pastor